

# **FAUQUIER COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, December 10, 2001 – 5:00 p.m.  
Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Conference Room

#### **1. Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Fauquier County Airport Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 5:00 p.m. on 10 December in the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Conference Room, Midland, Virginia. In attendance were:

#### **Committee (Voting) Members:**

James W. Van Luven  
Charles M. Medvitz  
Sharon Grove McCamy

Ray Graham

Kenneth W. Hyde  
Willis P. Risdon  
Dennis Hunsberger

Lee District Representative, Chairman  
Scott District Representative  
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Lee District Representative  
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Cedar Run District  
Center District Representative  
Citizen at Large  
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#### **County Staff:**

Tony Hooper  
Billy Jenkins

Assistant County Administrator  
County Operations and Services Supervisor

#### **Staff:**

George Paris  
Cindi Martin  
Chad Carper

Campbell & Paris Engineers/ Airport Engineer  
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#### **Guests:**

Keith Cooper  
John Biggers  
John E. King  
Ron Gatewood, Jr.  
Dutch Rauch  
Tom Silbersrepe  
Bob Hayden  
Bob Newman  
Kevin Trombley  
John Biggers  
David Fields  
Robert Brooks

**Absent:**

Arthur Nash

Marshall District Representative

**2. Adoption of the Agenda:**

The agenda was amended to move #5 "Correspondence from D. Rauch" up to the next item since there were a number of persons present for this item.

**3. Correspondence from D. Rauch – Runway Improvements – Runway Closure:**

George Paris was asked to provide a briefing regarding the major capital improvement program of runway extension and improvement. The current 4,100-foot runway will be widened to 100 foot and extended to 5,000 feet. A parallel taxiway and new runway lights will also be installed.

The preliminary design for the project is scheduled to be completed in February. The project will be divided into two phases planned for mid-2002 and mid-2003 implementation. The rehabilitation (reconstruction) of the existing runway will occur during the second phase. Give the topographic conditions significant cuts and fill will be required with the goal of closing the runway for as short a period as possible (may be in the 30 to 60 day range). Options to continue to use a shortened portion of the runway during construction are also being considered. The final design report will be discussed at the February meeting.

The committee heard comments from a number of pilots who were concerned about the runway closure. Among problems mentioned were the lack of hangars and tie downs available at nearby airports, the impact on fixed base activities and the inconvenience to owners and pilots. Mr. Rauch's letter of 11/20/01 identifies these and other concerns. An issues list that was distributed at the meeting is also attached.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to those in attendance and indicated that input from the airport users group would be an important as we seek to improve the airport, maintain safety standards and minimize adverse impacts associated with the possible temporary closure of the runway.

**4. Adoption of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Sharon McCamy, seconded by Ken Hyde and unanimously adopted to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2001 meeting.

**5. Discussion of Airport Security Issues:**

Information had been included in the agenda package from the State Department of Aviation concerning security recommendations. Ron Gatewood reported that the patrols from the Sheriff's office had been increased and that he was being more vigilant pertaining to airport activities. Cindi Martin, who is participating on a Statewide Airport Security Committee, indicated that guidelines specific to General Aviation Airports would soon be developed. Ron Gatewood will post a flyer concerning airport security, continue to maintain closer scrutiny of the airport, and the committee will discuss security issues again once State guidelines are available.

**6. Update – Campbell and Paris:**

George Paris provided information pertaining to site work for the 2<sup>nd</sup> T-hangar, the Airport Business Plan and runway rehabilitation/extension design.

**7. Roundtable:**

There was discussion pertaining to water and sewer availability at the new T-hangar. Tony Hooper will be coordinating work on both issues. The Committee reviewed the most recent financial statement and asked several questions of staff. There was also some follow-up discussion regarding the possible runway closure during construction. More information, pertaining to useable runway length as an interim option and the schedule and needs of the Culpeper Airport which will also be undertaking a similar project was provided.

**8. Visiting Other Airports:**

Jim Van Luven discussed a previous visit to the Culpeper Airport and believed that it would be beneficial for airport committee members to visit surrounding facilities in order to better assess our own needs and progress. Ron Gatewood offered to provide airplanes to transport committee members and it was agreed that the committee would fund the fuel costs associated with the travel. Jim Van Luven will work with Ron Gatewood to schedule visits on January 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular airport committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.